

WELCOMING REVEREND JEFF PARISH

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Florida is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce to my colleagues and to this House our guest chaplain for the day, Pastor Jeff Parish.

Pastor Jeff serves as the senior pastor of First Baptist Church of Indian Rocks, Florida. Pastor Jeff first entered the ministry in 1986, sharing with others the message of Christian salvation and of the redeeming love and grace of the God in whom we put our trust, and counseling fellow believers along their personal faith journey.

Pastor Jeff is joined in his ministry by his wife, Martha, and by the congregation and community of believers at First Baptist Indian Rocks, a church family that, for 50 years, has shared its message of faith with the Pinellas County community but also in remote lands around the globe.

I welcome Pastor Jeff today, and I thank him personally for the ministry he leads every day that has had an impact on the life of this Member but, likewise, on many thousands of others he has touched during his career of service to our loving God.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MARCHANT). The Chair will entertain up to 15 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

ACA FAILURES

(Mr. HARRIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, over half of Americans view the President's health care law unfavorably, according to a new Rasmussen report. But this is no surprise. What started only as a failed Web site has turned into even more logistical failures: problems about applications, questions about subsidies, and lots of confusion.

But the policy behind ObamaCare is equally flawed. Premiums are rising. Americans are losing the coverage they liked. They are unable to see the doctors they were previously visiting. And they are finding that many of the services or drugs that they need are not covered. President Obama promised the opposite of this, and Americans should not be misled by their leaders.

House Republicans will continue to pursue patient-centered reforms so Americans can get the care they need and want, the care they were promised.

LAWSUIT AGAINST PRESIDENT OBAMA

(Mr. KILDEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, so there are just 3 legislative days left before we go on recess, and the most pressing issue that the House Republican leadership has decided that we need to devote our legislative time to is a resolution to sue the President of the United States.

Not to bring up a jobs bill, not to deal with comprehensive immigration reform, not to extend emergency unemployment benefits for the millions of people who have lost their benefits, but to debate a dangerous and unprecedented lawsuit with the House of Representatives suing the President. What is next—the Senate suing the House? I mean, this is really ridiculous.

And after all that is done, what we are going to do is recess for 5 weeks. Instead of taking up the issues that the people have sent us here to deal with, we are going to leave for 5 weeks after taking action—presumably, the majority will vote to sue the President of the United States.

It is a waste of our time. It is a horrible waste of money. It is unconscionable. We ought to stay here and do the work of the American people that we were sent here to do.

DEFENDING THE CONSTITUTION

(Mr. MESSER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, the President has taken the oath of office two times. Twice he has sworn to faithfully execute the laws. Twice he has sworn to protect and defend the Constitution. Yet he has unilaterally delayed the employer mandate of his own health care law twice. On topic after topic, this President has violated the law through overreaching executive action, often not even bothering to issue an executive order.

Our former constitutional law professor-turned President should know that it is Congress' job to make the laws, and it is his job to carry them out, not make them up.

That is why the House is asking the judicial branch to step in and referee this dispute. Champions of the President's choices today may regret when future Presidents are empowered to run roughshod over the people's representatives. Let's defend the Constitution and support the House lawsuit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from improper references toward the President.

RESOLUTION TO SUE THE PRESIDENT

(Mr. COURTNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, 9.5 million Americans are unemployed. America's roads and rails are crumbling. College graduates are saddled with \$1 trillion in debt that they can't refinance. Ukraine and the Middle East

are on fire. And what does the Speaker have lined up for us in the final 3 days before his 5-week recess for August? He wants us to pass a resolution to sue the President for actions he doesn't like. Mainstream legal experts have said repeatedly this lawsuit is both ludicrous and dangerous, but what it mostly is is wasteful.

The Speaker's shutdown cost the American economy \$24 billion. The 50 ACA repeal votes have cost \$79 million. The DOMA lawsuit lined pockets of lawyers at \$500 an hour, billable hours.

We should cancel the recess. We should go to work in terms of addressing the issues of jobs in this country. We should stop lining the pockets of politically connected lawyers. Let's stand up for the middle class. Let's fix America's infrastructure, and let's get this country moving again and skip the lawsuit.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING PRIORITIZATION ACT

(Mr. HULTGREN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Human Trafficking Prioritization Act, H.R. 2283, and commend my friend and colleague from New Jersey, Representative CHRIS SMITH, for introducing it.

The State Department's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, or J/TIP, does a fantastic job of maintaining U.S. leadership and accountability in the worldwide effort to combat human trafficking.

More than 130 countries have created or strengthened their antitrafficking laws largely due to J/TIP's work. Among other provisions, this bill raises the status of the J/TIP office to that of a bureau, preventing countries and other bureaus from gaming the tier ranking system. It also achieves this without any additional bureaucracy or cost to the taxpayers.

As a member of the Congressional Human Trafficking Task Force, working with the congressional leadership, J/TIP, and antitrafficking groups, I know it is crucial to keep this fight from being consumed in a bureaucratic shuffle.

I thank Congressman SMITH for his leadership and look forward to Senate passage of H.R. 2283.

HALTING THE GOP MARCH TOWARD IMPEACHMENT

(Mr. VEASEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, this week House Republicans will be considering a resolution that would authorize the Speaker of the House to sue President Obama. This lawsuit is frivolous. It is also wasteful and without merit.

We must focus on critical legislative priorities instead of political lawsuits that will do nothing but waste millions